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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8747

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL PRESS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

1. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RELAYING SOONEST FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
TO MR. RAY HAMBY, CHAIRMAN, INTERNATIONAL PRESS EXCHANGE PROGRAM,  
9 W. CHASE STREET, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201, TELEPHONE 1-301-  
837-6070:

2. "AMBASSADOR BARNES HAS RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF MAY 8 AND LOOKS  
FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE IPE GROUP  
DURING YOUR TRIP TO ROMANIA. HE WOULD LIKE TO FIRM UP ARRANGE-  
MENTS WHICH WOULD ENABLE YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES TO ATTEND THE  
OPENING OF THE U.S. EXHIBIT PROGRESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
SCHEDULED FOR TWELVE NOON ON FRIDAY, MAY 24, AND TO BE HIS GUESTS  
AT A LUNCH HE WILL HOST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EXHIBIT OPENING.  
EMBASSY'S PLAN WOULD BE TO HAVE A BUS STANDING READY OUTSIDE THE  
HOTEL AMBASSADOR NO LATER THAN 8:00 A.M., WITH DEPARTURE FOR  
BRASOV SCHEDULED AS CLOSE TO 8:30 AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE NOTE IN  
THIS CONNECTION THAT, BECAUSE THE BUS TRIP TO BRASOV WILL TAKE  
APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS, WE WOULD UNFORTUNATELY NOT BE ABLE TO  
INCLUDE THE NINE MEMBERS AND MISS WOODS WHOM YOU MENTION IN YOUR  
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LETTER IF THEY ARE STILL PLANNING TO ARRIVE AT 10:30 A.M. SINCE

THAT WOULD BE TOO LATE TO PERMIT YOU TO REACH BRASOV IN TIME FOR ACTIVITIES THERE. IN THIS CONNECTION TOO WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD CLARIFY THE CONFLICTING INFORMATION WE NOW HAVE REGARDING ARRIVAL OF THE "BUMPED" GROUP AND YOUR OWN AS WELL. ALTHOUGH YOUR MAY 8 LETTER REFERS TO AN AIR ARRIVAL FROM PRAGUE FOR MISS WOODS ET AL, A CABLE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON MAY 9 INDICATES THEY WILL BE COMING FROM BUDAPEST BY TRAIN. IN ADDITION, THE TIME YOU HAVE SPECIFIED FOR YOUR ARRIVAL FROM KISHINEV - 7:57 A.M. - DOES NOT SQUARE WITH LOCAL TIMETABLES (TWO MORNING TRAIN ARRIVALS ON THE 24TH, ONE AT 6:36 AND ONE AT 8:50). EMBASSY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER JAMES M. RENTSCHLER WILL BE ON HAND TO ACCOMPANY GROUP AND WILL CONTACT YOU AT HOTEL SHORTLY AFTER YOU ARRIVE. HIS OFFICE NUMBER IS 12-40-40, HOME NUMBER 11-25-25."

3. WILL APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CABLING SOONEST ANY RESPONSE WHICH ABOVE INFORMATION MIGHT ELICIT FROM HAMBY.  
BARNES

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